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IN THE MATTER OF:)

THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS)
OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL)

CASE NO. R-2003-304-R

**ORDER ADOPTING
STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGULATION, CHAPTER 482-2-102**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 27-2-17, *Code of Alabama 1975*, a public hearing on the adoption of State Fire Marshal Regulation, Chapter 482-2-102, was held at 10:00 a.m. on September 11, 2003, in the offices of the Alabama Department of Insurance, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1700, Montgomery, Alabama.


Notice of the hearing was given by newspaper publication in two (2) major newspapers in this state for four (4) consecutive weeks. Notice of intended action was also given in the Alabama Administrative Monthly on July 31, 2003. Said notices offered to all interested parties the opportunity to submit written and/or oral testimony.

As proposed, State Fire Marshal Regulation, Chapter 482-2-102, sets forth the adoption of certain safety standards for school buildings. These standards were requested by the State Department of Education.

Based on the testimony and the written submissions, it is found to be in the best interest of the public of this state to adopt State Fire Marshal Regulation, Chapter 482-2-102 as originally published.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that State Fire Marshal Regulation, Chapter 482-2-102 be and the same is hereby adopted and will become effective October 1, 2003, upon its having been filed as a public document in the office of the Secretary of State for ten days.

DONE and ORDERED, this 11th day of September, 2003.


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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGULATION**

**CHAPTER 482-2-102
SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC BUILDINGS**

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STATE FIRE MARSHAL REGULATION
Chapter 482-2-102

482-2-102-.01. School Buildings. All buildings occupied and used as schools shall meet the following safety standards:

(a) All buildings must have approved fire exits from every floor as required by the codes and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshals Office.

(b) Flammable materials and hazardous supplies must be stored in fire retardant cabinets/rooms or in outside storage buildings/areas.

(c) Severe weather drills must be held seasonally, with one during the period of September through November and one during the period of January through March.

(d) Fire escape diagrams and safe-place (areas of refuge) diagrams for severe weather must be posted in all rooms that house students.

(e) Fire extinguishers must be provided and mounted in every building as required by the codes and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshals Office, must have a current tag showing the last date of inspection and maintenance, and must be kept in proper working order.

(f) Regular inspections for fire hazards must be conducted by school officials and the dangers removed.

(g) Panic hardware on exit doors must be in proper working order.

Author: State Fire Marshal

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 27-2-17 & 36-19-9

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